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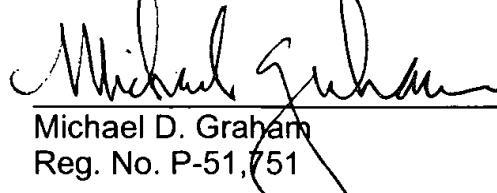
Sir:

In response to the Election/Restrictions mailed July 17, 2002, Applicants
hereby request that claims 1-29 be cancelled. Applicants therefore elect to
prosecute Claims 30-35 of Group II.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for
any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then
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Respectfully submitted,

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